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DISABILITY COMMISSION
(Regular Meeting)
Approved Meeting Minutes
Approved 2-17-22

Thursday, January 20, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
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A copy of the Grafton Public Meeting Remote Participation Guidelines, dated March 24, 2020 (subsequently extended June 16, 2021) is attached to this agenda for reference. Please review the guidelines prior to joining the remote public meeting. We will be fielding questions via Chat feature. Also, written comments may be directed to disabilitycommission@grafton-ma.gov.

Roger Trahan called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm, took the roll call vote of commission members and read the remote participation guidelines.

Present: Roger Trahan, Chair, Catherin Dore, Rob Polsinelli, Laura Deneen, Daryl Rynning (arrived at 6:43 pm), Kristie Proctor

Absent: Robert Berger

Roll call vote:

DR	
KP	Yes
RP	Yes
LD	Yes

CD	Yes
RT	Yes
RB	

1. Announcements

- SEPAC – 2021 highlights and 2022 focus presented by Heather Nadeau and Leora Bram, Chairs, at the January 11 Grafton School Committee meeting. Laura Deneen congratulated them on all their work rebuilding the SEPAC Committee.
- Suicide Prevention / Mental Health Awareness
https://sprc.org/settings/schools?type=All&populations=All&suicide_problem=All&planning=All&strategies=All&state=254
Raising awareness of the three suicides occurring at WPI in the last year. Please spread awareness of the resources to support anyone experiencing a mental health crisis.
- The Grafton News Article 1/10/2022 – Grafton High School student, Jack Savage
<https://www.thegrafftonnews.com/story/news/2022/01/10/despite-his-disabilities-graftons-jack-savage-makes-impact/9071336002/>
Message of inclusion and acceptance.
- Any Other Announcements?
- Catherine reminded everyone that the Disability Day of Mourning is coming up March 1 and we can host or take part in a vigil for people with disabilities who have been victims of murder at the hands of their family members.
- The 22 Para-Olympics are taking place next month in Beijing.

2. External Correspondence

None

3. Meeting Minutes (12/16/2021)

- **Action:** Motion made by Catherine Dore and seconded by Laura Deneen to approve the minutes. Several edits and Chair Trahan took a roll call vote.

DR	Abstain
KP	Yes
RP	Abstain
LD	Yes
CD	Yes
RT	Yes
RB	Absent

Roger declared the motion carried by 4-0-2.

4. Disability Commission Report (for 2021 Grafton Annual Report)

The meeting was disrupted at 6:58 and resumed at 7:12 pm.

Roger reviewed the draft report. Members praised Roger's style and appreciation expressed throughout the report.

Action: Daryl Rynning made a motion to accept the Commission's 2021 annual report with grammatical changes; seconded by Rob Polsinelli.

DR	Yes
KP	Yes
RP	Yes
LD	Yes
CD	Yes
RT	Yes
RB	Absent

Roger declared the motion carried by 4-0-2.

5. Subcommittee - Disability Commission charge

Kristie Proctor and Rob Polsinelli

Discuss the revision or the fresh start version? Fresh Start!

Concerns were voiced for the phrase regarding how the membership is comprised and reported to the Town Administrator and subject to the approval of the Select Board – this wasn't in the 2009 commission charge. This phrase needs to come off the charge. Discuss measurable action verbs. Is this the correct scale for our commission? Should we meld the two options together? Bullet #4 change to '*voice to advocate*' and the parenthesis for now reference the Mass General Law Chapter 40, Section 8(J).

Daryl Rynning came up with an idea to be proactive – table at the Grafton Farmer's Market or National Night Out to share information about our commission and its' work.

Roger Trahan suggested we hold a workshop to discuss the commission charge alone. Members discussed the length and mode (1.25 hours and in Zoom). Discuss dates in February.

Discussion will be tabled. Thanks to Rob Polsinelli and Kristie Proctor for drafting this document to work on these past meetings.

6. Project Updates and General Updates

- Grafton Library (including Friday, 12/17/2021 ribbon cutting) - Roger attended the ceremony held outdoors at the main entrance with all the dignitaries. Great community event with a walk-through the building with 60 people in attendance.
- Eagle Scout Trail (behind the Center library) - will table for next regular meeting.
- School District ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan – Roger emailed Dr. Jay Cummings, Superintendent of Schools, who anticipates having the document in hand in February. Jay Cummings will forward this on to Roger Trahan when this document arrives.
- Any other updates

7. Old Business

- a. Library grant award documents received from MA Office on Disability. Split responsibility approach of grant where hardware is funded by the grant but not the software to run these products.
- b. MA Office on Disability and Office of the Attorney General- November 2021 Webinar; Accessible Meetings for Municipalities – action item from 12/16/2021- Roger’s follow up with Ann Lynch, Assistant AG of MA Civil Rights Division. Roger spoke with her on December 23rd to discuss replaying the webinar on GCTV, but this webinar was not recorded. AG is trying to re-create a Disability Rights Division.

8. New Business

9. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting - 3rd Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6:30p.m.

Adjourn

Action: Catherine Dore made a motion to adjourn. Laura Deneen seconded.

DR	No
KP	Yes
RP	Yes
LD	Yes
CD	Yes
RT	Yes
RB	

Chair Roger Trahan declared the motion carried 5-1. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie Proctor, Recording Secretary
Disability Commission

Link to Meeting Packet:

https://www.grafton-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4461/f/pages/disability_commission_meeting_packet_1.20.2022-true.pdf